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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 82, line 12, with the following replacement paragraph:

Generation of antibodies to recombinant ECRTP/DEP-1 proteins - Ectodomain (amino acids 175-536) and catalytic domain (amino acids 1048-1338) sequences of human, ECRTP/DEP-1 (SEQ ID NOs: 3 and 4;[[.]] Ostman et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 91:9680-9684 (1994)), were subcloned into the pRSET vector (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, California). Recombinant fusion proteins were expressed in bacteria, purified by a kit sold under the registered trademark NI-AGAROSE AFFINITY™ by Invitrogen of Carlsbad, California, and characterized by SDS-PAGE as greater than 95% homogeneous proteins of 40 and 36 kDa, respectively. Mouse hybridoma antibodies (ECRTP-Ab1, ECRTP-Ab2) were generated against ECRTP/DEP-1 ectodomain (ECRTP/DEP-1_{ec}) protein by intra-peritoneal immunization, fusion with SP2-0 cells, ELISA screening, selection, expansion and purification by affinity chromatography on PROTEIN A-AGAROSE (Sigma Chemical Co. of St. Louis, Missouri).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 96, line 12, with the following replacement paragraph:

Antibodies - Ectodomain (ECRTP/DEP-1_{ec}, amino acids 175-536) and catalytic domain (ECRTP/DEP-1_{cy}, amino acids 1048-1338) sequences of human ECRTP/DEP-1 (SEQ ID NOs: 3 and 4; [[.]]Ostman et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 91:9680-9684 (1994) were subcloned into the pRSET vector (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, California). Recombinant fusion proteins were expressed in bacteria, purified by Ni-agarose affinity (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, California), and characterized by SDS-PAGE as greater than 95% homogeneous proteins of 40 and 36 kDa, respectively. Rabbit antiserum to the ECRTP/DEP-1_{cy} protein was generated by repetitive immunization, and was affinity purified, as described in Koenig et al., *J Clin Immunol* 13:204-211 (1993). Mouse hybridoma antibody ECRTPAb-1 was obtained following immunization with

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ECRTP/DEP-1_{ec} protein by intraperitoneal immunization, fusion with SP2-0 cells, ELISA screening, selection, expansion and purification by affinity chromatography on protein A-agarose (Sigma Chemical Co. of St. Louis, Missouri).

Please replace the Sequence Listing with the Substitute Sequence Listing enclosed herein.